

TOWN OF TRURO
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2005

The Truro Board of Selectmen met for their weekly session on Wednesday, February 2, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Road, Truro. In attendance were: Chairman Alfred Gaechter, Vice-Chairman Christopher R. Lucy, Clerk Gary Palmer, Lloyd F. Rose, Paul J. Asher-Best, Town Administrator Pamela Nolan, Administrative Secretary Julie DuPree, Tim Silva, Jan Worthington, Cheryl Costa, Denis Mooney, Freddy DeSouza, Martha Nagy, Bill Worthington, Steve Roderick, Jim Kyed, Sally Sears-Mack, Kaimi Lum of the Banner, and David Joy of the Cape Codder.

Mr. Gaechter convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes: Mr. Palmer moved to approve the minutes of January 12, 2005 as presented. Mr. Rose seconded it. Vote: 4-0-1, with Mr. Asher-Best abstaining due to his absence.

Mr. Palmer moved to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of January 12, 2005 and to hold them in abeyance. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 4-0-1, with Mr. Asher-Best again abstaining.

Public Comment: Mr. DeSouza thanked the Board for the letter of appreciation that they sent to all Board/Committee members.

Post Office site: The Board received a letter from the USPS informing them of their choice of a site for the NT Post Office. It will be at the corner of Shore Road and Highland Rd. Mr. Gaechter has drafted a letter of response. **Mr. Palmer moved to endorse the letter. Mr. Asher-Best seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.** Ms. Nolan was directed to prepare the letter for his signature. Mr. Gaechter noted that the exterior design can be modified; at the present time it calls for a brick exterior. The interior must follow the specifications of the USPS. It is in the hands of the property owners now.

Town Administrator's Report:

- Received the proposed FY06 operating budget for the Provincetown Water Department. No rate increase is needed in FY06 or FY07. Ms. Nolan was directed to send these reports to PLOG for their recommendations.
- Received a copy of a letter Rep. Gomes sent to the Div. of Marine Fisheries supporting the Harbor Master's proposal regarding our environmental window.
- Received notification that Truro has been awarded a recycling grant from DEP which will provide educational mailers for consumers.
- A meeting was held with town officials regarding the need to plan for receipt of pharmaceutical supplies in case of a terrorist attack. There will be another meeting on March 4th.
- Mr. Sanguinet has submitted a letter resigning as the town's representative to the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group and the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority. The BOS needs to appoint Ms. Nolan to these. **Mr. Asher-Best so moved. Mr. Gaechter seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Deficit Spending for Snow Removal: Mr. Asher-Best moved to authorize deficit spending for snow removal. Mr. Gaechter seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

Dredge: Mr. Roderick reported on the status of the dredge operation. It is not here yet due to delays at other harbors, and now the pipes are frozen in Orleans. The dredge machinery is due to arrive tomorrow or Saturday, but there are no pipes, so we may not be able to complete the dredging by our February 15th window closing. Ms. Unger of the DEP has said that if the dredging is already started, DEP may allow an extension, but the town must request that once the dredge operation begins. The first thing they will do upon arrival is start with the survey. He noted that there is another length of pipe in Chatham, but the town would have to tow it to Truro and back at a cost of \$10k. With the expected rain, a frozen harbor should not be an issue and they should be able to do the work. Since the basin area has not been done for three years, Mr. Roderick would like the dredging to begin there. The Board questioned why it was the town's responsibility to pay for the cost of moving the pipes. Mr. Roderick explained that County Dredge would most likely point to the bad weather an unforeseen event. Mr. Mooney explained that the schedule is set up as a best case scenario, without any equipment failures or bad weather. Our environmental window is backing us into a bad weather situation. Mr. Gaechter said that if the PHC and the Harbor Master agree that the extra funds are needed, they can come back to the BOS, and they will have to approve it, but long term, they must work on getting the environmental window addressed. Mr. Roderick pointed out that even if we get the pipe here, there is no guarantee that the DEP will grant an extension to complete the dredge. He explained his proposal to the Board, with maps of the Harbor showing the outside area that has no window, and the basin area that will always have a deadline of February 15th, and the channel area that he would like to see changed to a March date. Mr. Gaechter suggested that perhaps it was time to get all the Cape towns together on this; every town has window issues. Mr. Roderick said that while the DMF has softened its position, they will not support his proposal. They did say he should submit it to DEP, though. Discussion centered on the fact that the DEP was the issuing authority, not the DMF, and a formal request for an extension is needed; the DEP won't give a definitive answer without one. Mr. Gaechter directed Ms. Nolan to work with Mr. Roderick in setting up a meeting with as many political representatives as possible, the County Director, the County Dredge Director, the Lt. Governor's office and the appropriate state agencies.

Public Hearing on Pamet Harbor fees and regulations: Mr. Silva outlined the proposed fee increases and changes:

<u>FEE</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
Seasonal-shallow water mooring	150.00	200.00 (freeze 3 years)
Seasonal-basin mooring	250.00	300.00 (freeze 3 years)
Seasonal-small boat mooring line	75.00	75.00
Seasonal-canoe/kayak rack	75.00	75.00
Transient-shallow water	--	20.00/day - 100.00/week
Daily ramp fee	8.00	10.00
Seasonal ramp fee	150.00	150.00
Seasonal-Commercial Hauler	500.00	600.00
Single launch-Commercial Hauler	50.00	60.00
Daily-Canoe/kayak/raft	5.00	5.00
Seasonal-Canoe/kayak/raft	30.00	30.00
Seasonal-Commercial kayak	50.00	Eliminated
Late fee	--	100.00

Mr. Palmer moved to approve the fee schedule. Mr. Asher-Best seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous. Mr. Gaechter continued the hearing to February 9, 2005 at 6:20 p.m., at which time the BOS will address the proposed regulation changes.

Appointment to Energy Committee: Mr. Kyed was interviewed to fill the last vacancy on the Energy Committee. He explained to the BOS that he is interested in seeing efficient municipal use of energy, using the library heating system as an example. He is also interested in pursuing alternate forms of energy. He has experience in both areas. **Mr. Palmer moved to approve his appointment to the Energy Committee. Mr. Gaechter seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous. Mr. Asher-Best moved to appoint DPW Director Paul Morris to the Energy Committee, with Mr. Palmer seconding it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.** The Board discussed whether the Town Administrator needed to be appointed. The Charge calls for her or the Assistant Town Administrator to serve on this committee. There was disagreement on whether a Town Administrator or an Assistant Town Administrator should serve on a standing committee, and what the Charter had to say on it. It was suggested that they may want to just change the Charge. The BOS will reexamine the Charge to the Energy Committee next week.

Wind Farm Proposal: Mr. Worthington discussed with the BOS his support of the Cape Wind project, and urged the BOS to attend the public hearing in Yarmouth on February 8 and make a statement in favor of it. He feels it is a major first step in reducing our dependence on fossil fuels. Mr. Gaechter wondered if this was the consensus of Truro. Mr. Worthington said he had not done a formal poll, but feels most people in Truro feel it is a good idea, since we are far enough away from visual impact. Mr. Palmer felt this should go to Town Meeting, and the BOS should not speak for the town on this. Mr. Worthington told him that would be too late since comment letters are due on February 22, and the hearing is February 8th. The BOS discussed whether to send a letter as a BOS, or as individuals. **Mr. Gaechter moved to draft a letter to the CCC in support of the Cape Wind project. Mr. Asher-Best seconded it. Mr. Palmer asked that the words "in concept" be added. Mr. Gaechter amended his motion to include that phrase. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.** Ms. Nolan was directed to draft such a letter. Mr. Asher-Best will attend the public hearing and read the letter.

Other Business: Ms. Sears-Mack was present to update the BOS on the CC Steering Committee. She said that it is going well. They sent out use surveys through the COA newsletter, and through TCS and at various buildings around town. They will be holding public meetings on March 8 and 13 and April 9. The Committee is responding to Mr. Snow's letter to the editor, which contained some wrong information. She discussed the health care crisis and asked the BOS to sign a letter she drafted to Senator Kerry and Kennedy thanking them for signing a letter to the President opposing cuts to the Medicaid entitlement.

Selectmen/Liaison Reports:

Asher-Best: -Reported that the Invitation for Bids for the video/audio equipment has gone out.
-The pads at the TCS gym should be installed during the February vacation.
-Reported on the MMA conference, distributing some materials he picked up there.
Palmer: -The BOH is initiating a policy review.
-PLOG is discussing GIS mapping with Provincetown. These maps would be more current and detailed than the ones from the CCC.

-He drafted a letter to send to the editor countering Mr. Snow's letter on the Community Center. He will sign it as an individual, not as the BOS. He also drafted another letter to the editor for the BOS to review and sign as a Board, offering condolences to the parishioners of St. Peter's on their loss of their church. Mr. Asher-Best suggested that condolence cards be kept on hand so that the Board can send them out when appropriate, such as to the family of Ducky Noons. Ms. Nolan will pick some up.

Gaechter: -Reported that he will be meeting on the 9th with Ms. Nolan and the CCNS Supt. regarding the mutual agreement for emergency support, the Park's recent position on NOI conformance and Mr. Downey's concern with East Harbor maintenance.

-The DEP has called regarding the chime complaints. He and Ms Nolan will take part in a conference call with them next week.

-Suggested that it is time to get a bunch of people together who responded to the storm to critique their efforts and discuss a storm emergency preparedness plan. A tentative date of February 10th has been set.

-The Energy Committee met to organize. Mr. Worthington was named Chairman.

-The Highland Center, Inc. workshop is ongoing, and he is attending as the liaison to Mr. Edinberg.

-The BOS needs to hold a joint Executive Session with the Open Space Committee next week to discuss a potential purchase of a property with encumbrances.

-The LCPC will report on their public hearing at the BOS meeting on February 16th.

-The C&BRC will provide the BOS with a copy of their General Bylaw proposal to review. Comments are needed by the 16th.

Lucy: -Asked about the federal assistance for snow removal funds, and was told that a State of Emergency was declared by the Governor and we should be hearing something soon.

-Stated that Truro seemed to come through the storm pretty well and suggested that letters of commendation be sent to Mr. Morris, Mr. Rose and Lt. Lundborn. Mr. Palmer suggested that letters also be sent to the departments in general. Mr. Lucy will work with Ms. Nolan on the drafting of those letters, for all the BOS to sign.

Signature file: Two documents needing approval and signature were received from Bailey Boyd Associates. **Mr. Asher-Best moved to approve the quarterly report and close-out agreement for the FY03 Small Cities grant that assisted in the architectural barrier removal at Town Hall, and authorize the Chair to sign them. Mr. Palmer seconded it.**

Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

Mr. Palmer moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Mr. Asher-Best seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

Alfred Gaechter, Chairman

Christopher R. Lucy, Vice-Chairman

Gary Palmer, Clerk

Lloyd F. Rose

Paul Asher-Best

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